

WEATHER—For Kentucky
Sunny day fair

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

It's getting to be hard work to stay neutral.

No wonder Germany was afraid Bernstorff wouldn't make a safe exit.

Ambassador Gerard's ship is now out of the danger zone, on the way home.

Tennessee will hold an election July 28 to vote on a constitutional convention.

H. N. Dossett, who mysteriously disappeared from Henderson Sunday, has not been found.

Texas is urging that pecan trees be planted for shade trees and 2,500 have been planted in San Angelo county.

The onion market in New York this week lost strength, prices dropping from 10 to 13 cents down to 5 to 7 cents a pound.

The British victories in Mesopotamia are being won under Gen. Maude. In spite of his feminine name, the General fights like a man.

Carranza has had the idea mauling into his head that the German plotting against the United States on Mexican soil was "a grossly unfriendly act."

The operations of Boy-Ed, Von Papen and others, sent out of the country, as well as the origin of mysterious explosions in munition factories from time to time, can now be better understood.

John Wallace, better known as "Capt. Jack" Crawford, a poet scout and Indian fighter, died in New York Feb. 28, aged 70 years. He was a Custer scout absent on duty when the Custer massacre took place.

Two notable things happened in Clarksville last month. The city adopted as its slogan "Clarksville's Claims Command Consideration" and 3,000 express packages were shipped into the city packed in cartons marked "handle with care."

Montville Flowers, the lecturer, proposes to take the lecture platform at this crucial hour and tell what he thinks Japan wants to do. If Mr. Flowers desires to be regarded as a wise man, he should remember that "A shet mouth is a sign of wisdom."

Senator Stone, of Missouri, disturbed the harmony of the Senate by clamoring to be "cited," and two out of the three Democrats in the House who voted against trusting the President were from Missouri. There are times when even a man from Missouri ought not to insist on being shown.

C. R. Hancock, of the Pembroke Journal, has started a new paper called the Todd County Journal at Trenton. The editorial work is done by Ward Russell and Mrs. Russell. The paper will be issued every Friday morning. Mr. Hancock has published the Pembroke Journal for the last eighteen years. The paper will be published at Pembroke.

The latest wrinkle is the flower muff. It takes the place of the corsage bouquet. This new innovation was introduced at a wedding in New York, instead of carrying the customary shower bouquet. It was suspended from her neck on a broad moire ribbon that was caught in a knot and allowed to fall where the corsage bouquet is worn. The muff itself was made of a mass of bronze and yellow button chrysanthemums placed so closed together that they gave the effect of being a fabric or a new shade of fur.

Organ Recital.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give an organ recital at the new church Monday night. Fount Rion, organist, and Mrs. Shellenbarger, baritone singer, of Nashville, will assist in the recital. Everybody is invited. No admission will be charged, but a silver offering will be acceptable.

ZIMMIE THE WISE OLD OWL HAS BEEN CAUGHT WITH PLOT GOODS

PRESIDENT CONFIRMS THE AUTHENTICITY OF INFORMATION

Plot of German High Official Exposed to Incite War Against United States by Japan and Mexico—International Conspiracy to Violate Neutrality.

Washington, March 2.—Aroused by the disclosure of Germany's plot to unite Japan and Mexico with her in a war upon the United States and then convinced by official evidence of its authenticity, congress Thursday abandoned the delays and obstructions which have checked President Wilson's efforts to be clothed with express authority to deal with the submarine menace.

The house after a ten hour debate and by 403 to 13 passed a bill to empower the president to arm merchant ships and providing for a \$100,000,000 bond issue. The bill, however, does not contain the grant of authority to use "other instrumentalities," which the president specifically desires and would prevent government insurance for munition ships a provision which the president does not approve.

When the house bill is received in the senate tomorrow, the senate bill, which the president recommends, will be substituted and this is expected finally to become a law.

In the senate an attempt by Senator Stone, Dem., to ask the president to disclose the government's source of information of the attempted intrigue with Mexico and Japan, on the supposition that it came from one of Germany's enemies, was defeated after a sharp and sensational debate. Instead the senate merely asked for official notice of the authenticity of the dispatch from the German foreign minister to Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City. The president transmitted it immediately with the statement that it would not be compatible with the public interest to reveal further details concerning it.

DOCUMENT IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT.

This document has been in the hands of the government since President Wilson broke relations with Germany. It has been kept secret while the president was asking congress for full authority to deal with Germany and while congress has been hesitating. It was in the president's hands while Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg was declaring the United States had placed an interpretation on the submarine declaration.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LEAVE

For Danville Thursday To Enter State Basket Ball Contest.

The High School Basket Ball Team left for Danville Thursday morning to compete for the State championship. Eight players, and Coach Mallory and Manager Higgins made the trip. The eight players taken on the trip were: Capt. Torian, Ray Moss and John Thompson, guards; Carl Ashby, center; John Espie, Walter Page and Harry Yost, forwards.

Homemade Candy.

The young ladies of Mr. L. L. Elgin's Sunday school class will sell homemade candy all day Saturday at his store. The proceeds will be used for the furnishing of their classroom.

Philadelphia is protesting against an influx of Southern negroes, causing "alarm to health officers."

"Never intended by Germany," that Germany has promoted honored relations with the United States as an heirloom from Frederick the Great. Of itself, if there were no other, it is considered an efficient answer to the German chancellor's plan of giving "authentic reasons for action."

MISSING LINK IN CHAIN OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

The document supplies the missing link to many separate chains of circumstances, which until now, seem to lead to no definite point. It sheds new light upon frequently reported, but undefinable movements of the Mexican government to couple its situation with friction between the United States and Japan.

It adds another chapter to the celebrated report of Jules Cambon, French ambassador at Berlin before the war, of Germany's world-wide plan for stirring strife on every continent where they might aid her in her struggle for world domination, which she dreamed was close at hand. It adds the climax to the operations of Count von Bernstorff and the German embassy in this country, which has been colored with passport frauds, charges of dynamite plots and intrigues which has never been published.

SUBMARINE BASE IN GULF OF MEXICO.

It gives new credence to persistent reports that there are submarine bases in Mexican territory in the Gulf of Mexico.

It takes cognizance of a fact long recognized by American army chiefs that if Japan ever undertook to invade the United States it probably would be through Mexico, over the border into the Mississippi valley, to split the country in two.

It is a new explanation to the recent arrest on the border of men charged by American military authorities with being German intelligence agents.

Lastly it seemed to show connection with Gen. Carranza's recent proposals to neutrals that the export of food and munitions to the entente allies be cut off, and an intimation that he might stop the supply of oil, so vital to the British navy, which is exported from Tampico fields.

THREE DEATHS AT HOSPITAL

All Were Patients at Western State Institution and Died Same Day.

V. D. Sherer, a patient at the Western State Hospital from Livingston county, died Thursday of cerebral hemorrhage, aged 65 years. He had been at the institution about four months. The remains were interred in the hospital burying ground.

John Poyntz, aged 35, of Warren county, died Thursday. Death was due to paresis. He was received here three weeks ago. The body was shipped to Bowling Green.

Zach Holland, of Marshall county, died March 1 of cerebral hemorrhage, aged 65 years. He was received here about eight months ago. Interment in the hospital burying ground.

Hazel Spillman, aged 18 months, swallowed a marble and choked to death at Bedford, Ky.

PRISONER STICKS FAST

While Trying To Escape Through a Small Hole In County Jail.

RELEASED AFTER 6 HOURS

Two Others Had Preceded Him Into Corridor--Schemed To Attack Mullen.

What might have been a jail delivery was thwarted Wednesday night when a white prisoner named Frank Parker became fastened in a hole through which he was trying to escape from a cage. One bar in one of the cages was cut, making a hole 6 1/2 inches by 11 inches. Abe Anderson white, weighing about 150 pounds, and Tom Pool, colored, 176 pounds, managed to get through. Parker was smaller than either of the others, but stuck fast in the hole. This occurred at 8 p. m. and at 10 p. m. Parker gave up the attempt and called Jailer Mullins, and it took him about four hours to get the man out. Hugh McShane, the plumber, was called in, but his saws would not cut the next bar and Parker was finally pulled back into the cell by soaping his body and with the assistance of Lieut. Hawkins and Patrolman Barnett. The other two men were still in the corridor, as the hole did not let them out of the building. Their plan evidently was to overpower the jailer, when he came in.

The bar of iron cut was defective, having been filed to some extent several years ago.

BATCH OF TRUE BILLS

Returned By the Grand Jury Which Is Still In Session.

The grand jury returned a batch of 18 indictments yesterday morning, including the following in jail:

Tom Pool, breaking into dwelling house.
Dock Bond, cutting and wounding.
Nathaniel Coleman, c. c. d. w.
Geo. Robinson, c. c. d. w.
Clyde Henderson, c. c. d. w.
John Chambers, robbery.
J. A. Claxton, attempt to rape a female under 12 years.

Also the following under bond:
Z. J. Welborn, mule stealing.
Ben Rudolph, willful murder of Vernon Ward last November.
Walter Maynard, flourishing a weapon.

Robt. Sumner, forgery.
Marion Sively, c. c. d. w.
Grant Polk, c. c. d. w.
Herbert Gates, c. c. d. w.

In the case of Canada Quarles, defendant failed to respond and \$1,000 bond was forfeited and case reset for 25th day.

L. G. Lucas, murder, reset for 23rd day.

Charlie Long, gaming fined \$25.

Harry Clark, shooting, fined \$50.

A. A. Ferguson, assault and battery, \$25.

Geo. D. McCauley, intent to defraud, \$25.

L. Hester, assault and battery, \$50.

Garfield McReynolds, appeal, not guilty.

Howard Preacher, c. c. d. w., \$50 fine and disfranchised.

Jackson Cox, shooting on public highway, \$50.

Miles McKnight, stealing from a common carrier, 1 year in penitentiary.

PROPOSED AN ALLIANCE WITH MEXICO AND JAPAN

Proposes to Help Mexico Reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona While Professing Good Will For This Country.

Washington, Mar. 2.—The Associated Press is enabled to reveal that Germany, in planning unrestricted submarine warfare and counting its consequences, proposed an alliance with Mexico and Japan to make war upon the United States, if this country should not remain neutral.

Japan, through Mexican machination, was to be urged to abandon her allies and join in an attack upon the United States.

Mexico, for her reward, was to receive general financial support from Germany, reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, her lost provinces, and share in the victorious peace terms the Germans contemplated.

Details were left to the German minister, Von Eckhardt, in Mexico City, who, by instructions signed by German Foreign Minister Zimmerman, at Berlin, January 19, 1917, was directed to propose an alliance with Mexico to General Carranza and to suggest that Mexico seek to bring Japan into the plot.

These instructions were transmitted to Von Eckhardt through Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador here, now on his way home under safe conduct obtained from his enemies by the country against which he was plotting war.

Germany pictured to Mexico, by broad intimations, that England and the entente allies would be defeated and Germany and her allies triumphant in world domination by means of the instrument of unrestricted submarine warfare.

MURDERED WOMAN'S SON

Calls Upon His Country To Preserve Its Self-Respect ---Ready to Fight.

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Wilson has received the following cablegram from Austin Y. Hoy, whose mother and sister were lost when the Laconia was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine:

"I am an American citizen representing the Sullivan Machinery Company, of Chicago, living abroad not as an expatriate but for the promotion of American trade. I love the flag, believing in its significance. My beloved mother and sister, passengers on the Laconia, have been foully murdered on the high seas.

"As an American citizen outraged and as such fully within my rights as an American son and brother bereaved, I call upon my government to preserve its citizens' self respect and save others of my countrymen from such deep grief as I now feel. I am of military age, able to fight. If my country can use me against these brutal assassins I am at its call.

"If it stultifies my manhood and my Nation's by remaining passive under outrage, I shall seek a man's chance under another flag."

Two Weeks Suspension.

Prof. Lowe Johnson, Principal of the Kelly School, has been suspended for two weeks on account of the prevalence of mumps and measles in that section.

marine warfare. The copy of Zimmerman's instructions to Von Eckhardt, sent through Count von Bernstorff is in the possession of the United States government. It follows:

GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

"Berlin, Jan. 19, 1917.—On the first day of February we intend to begin submarine warfare unrestricted. In spite of this it is our intention to endeavor to keep the United States of America neutral. If this attempt is not successful we propose an alliance on the following basis with Mexico:

"That we shall make war together to make peace. We shall give general financial support, and it is understood that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory of New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The details will be left with you for settlement.

"You are instructed to inform the president of Mexico of the above in the greatest confidence as soon as it is certain there will be an outbreak of war with the United States, and suggest to the president of Mexico that, on his own initiative, he should communicate with Japan, suggesting at once this plan and at the same time offer to mediate between Germany and Japan.

"Please call to the attention of the president of Mexico that the employment of ruthless submarine warfare now promises to compel England to make peace within a few months."

"(Signed) ZIMMERMAN."

DETAINING FOUR CONSULS

Germany Holds As Hostages Americans In the Consular Service.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Four American consuls are being detained in Germany while the Berlin government awaits official advice that all German consuls in this country ordered to Central and South America have been permitted to proceed.

The German government's action is based on circumstances which, through no concern of the United States, detained Consul Mueller at Havana, Cuba, while he was on his way from Atlanta to Equito, Ecuador.

The American consuls detained in Germany are Consul Henry G. A. Damm, transferred from Aachen to Harput, Turkey; Consul John Q. Wood, transferred from Chemnitz to Messina; Vice Consul W. Bruce Wallace, transferred from Magdeburg to Constantinople, a. Vice Consul C. Inness Brown, transferred from Mannheim to Constantinople.

Two notes have been received from the German government on the subject; the last a week ago, charging that the United States had detained Mueller at Havana, and a second day asking for a reply to the first, and also containing a statement that their wives departing from Germany had been subjected to indignities, and added that as soon as Mueller had been allowed to proceed the American consuls could go on.

W. L. Stubblefield, Confederate veteran of C. Loway county, is dead, aged 79 years.